अमरीकी प्रक्रिया से पैदा हुई स्थिति से निपटने के लिए अमरीकी डिप्टी सेक्रेटरी ऑफ स्टेट स्ट्रॉब तालबोट के साथ द्विपक्षीय बातचीत करने के लिए की गई थीं।

तत्कालीन उपाध्यक्ष ने सितम्बर और अक्तूबर, 1998 में फ्रांस और अमरीका की यात्राएं भारत द्वारा किए गए नाभिकीय परीक्षणों की आवश्यकता और तर्क-संगतता बताने के लिए इन देशों के नेताओं के साथ द्विपक्षीय बैठकें करने के लिए की थीं।

तत्कालीन उपाध्यक्ष ने उपरोक्त यात्राएं प्रधान मंत्री के विशेष दूत के रूप में की थीं।

(ग) और (घ) उपरोक्त यात्राओं के संबंध में विमान किराया, होटल आवास और दैनिक भत्ते पर हुआ व्यय नीचे दिया गया है:

अमरीका (जून, 1998) (लन्दन में मार्गस्थ प्रवास सहित)	6,20,590/- रुपये
जर्मनी (जुलाई, 1998)	1,79,589/- रुपये
फिलीपिन्स और श्रीलंका (जुलाई, 1998)	99,530/- रुपये
अमरीका (अगस्त, सितम्बर, 1998) (लन्दन में मार्गस्थ प्रवास सहित)	8,48,892/- रुपये
अमरीका, फ्रांस और यू०के० (सितम्बर-अक्तूबर, 1998)	10,40,388/- रुपये
इटली (नवम्बर, 1998) (लन्दन में मार्गस्थ प्रवास सहित)	5,50,220/- रुपये

योजना आयोग के तत्कालीन उपाध्यक्ष की यात्राओं पर हुआ व्यय योजना आयोग के बजट में से किया गया था।

Own Website of India House in London

2705. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India House in London propose to launch its own web-site; and

(b) if so, in what way it will benefit the Indian community in the United Kingdom?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Web-site of the High Commission of India, London, will disseminate information about India as a destination for business, tourism and contracts in other fields. The web-site's hyper-links will provide access to a large data base on the Government of India's policies and programmes, as well as on investment opportunities in the country. It will also enable the Indian community and the general public in the United Kingdom to get information pertaining to consular and visa services of the High Commission.

Ties between India and Yemen

2706. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Yemen have agreed to diversify ties; and

(b) if so, what are the details of areas where the two countries will work together?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Our relations with Yemen date back to ancient times. In recent years, there has been a healthy growth in bilateral economic cooperation, particularly in the areas of trade, joint ventures, provision of consultancy services, etc.

Bilateral Foreign Office Consultations took place on 4-5 March, 1999, while on 13-14 March, 1999, the President of Yemen, Mr. Ali Abdullah Saleh, visited Delhi at the head of a high-level delegation, and had detailed discussions with Prime Minister. The energy sector was identified as the most promising area for future cooperation between the two countries, with Indian companies participating in the development of Yemen's hydro-carbon resources and India importing LNG from Yemen. Both leaders also agreed that bilateral ties would also be enhanced in other areas such as trade, telecommunications, civil aviation, construction, power, small industry, science and technology, agriculture, education and culture.